

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL – 8TH FLOOR
100 N ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Alex Collazo	A	4	2
Brucie Cummings	P	5	1
Caleb Gunter	P	5	1
Carey Villeneuve	P	6	0
Charlie Leikauf	P	6	0
Darren Heitner	A	4	2
Deborah Rosenbaum	P	6	0
Gale Butler	A	4	2
Greg Martin	P	5	0
Jo Ann Smith	P	4	2
Marianna Seiler	A	5	1
Mary Peloquin	P	6	0
Robert Payne	A	3	3
Steffi Paskow	A	3	1
Tangerean Moore	P	6	0

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As of this date, there are 15 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Phil Thornburg, Director

Carl Williams, *Deputy Director*

Stephanie McClary, *Senior Administrative Assistant*

Roll Call

Chairperson Caleb Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll was called, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Deborah Rosenbaum and seconded by Joann Smith, that the minutes of April 28, 2021 be approved. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Department Update

Deputy Director Carl Williams informed the board that city events have recently started and in the month of May the Great American Beach Party turnout was successful. Mr. Williams stated that Fourth of July celebration is coming up and the

Beach Boys will be the headliner. Mr. Williams mention Starlight Musical started 2 weeks ago and invited the board to attend this Friday 7pm to 10pm at Holiday Park until August 13. Mr. Williams informed the board that Starlight musical and Carter Park Jams are on the same night, Carter Park Jams is from 7pm to 10pm night on selected nights which are July 16, September 17th, and October 15th, 2021. Mr. Williams then stated Sips and Sounds will start this Sunday at 2pm-6pm at South Side with wine pairing. Mr. Williams informed the board about 27M Dive Tower Ceremony on July 1st, 2021 at 2:30pm and the board has been invited, parking will be available at DC Alexander Park. Mr. Williams reminded the board that there is no meeting in July and will reconvene in August.

Board member Mary Peloquin asked for a status of Carter Park Pool.

Mr. Williams informed the board that he anticipated the completion by the end of next week; however, depending on the weather it should be within the next two weeks.

Mr. Williams informed the board that property owner by Ann Murry Park concern has been address to the City Attorney for review and he believes the property owner did pull permits; however, it is in review with the City Attorney.

Board member Charlie Leikauf stated that his family sold the property and knew that the park was on private property for years. Mr. Leikauf stated that the new property owner had a survey done and put up a fence.

Mr. Williams mention that the City Attorney will continue to review and working on the issue.

2. EDSA Dedication Presentation

Douglas Smith, EDSA made a presentation to the board on the topic of dedication of portion of Riverwalk Historic District Park. Mr. Smith informed the board that EDSA is a design firm and planning landscape architecture that is based in Fort Lauderdale and started by Edward D. Stone, Jr. in 1960. Mr. Smith presented a proposal to the board to honor Mr. Edward D. Stone, Jr. naming a portion of Riverwalk Edward D. Stone, Jr Trail at the Riverwalk Historic District. Mr. Smith stated Edward D. Stone, Jr was passionate about the quality of life in Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Smith stated Mr. Stone came to Fort Lauderdale in the late 1950s as a graduate from Harvard School of Design. Mr. Smith stated that Edward D. Stone Jr. started his career in pioneer landscape architect and soon after he started EDSA (Edward D Stone Associates). Mr. Smith stated that he established the firm as internationally recognized in urban design, community planning and open space planning. Mr. Smith stated he was recognized throughout the world but mainly in south Florida. Mr. Smith stated under his leadership, EDSA flourished and the city fathers in Fort Lauderdale and Broward County embarked on a couple of game-changing public works projects that spurred a renaissance in Fort Lauderdale in the 1980s and 1990s. Mr. Smith mention that they were two landmark projects that resulted over a billion dollars of private sector investors that improved public access which were the Beachfront revitalization and The Riverwalk. Mr. Smith shared Edward D. Stone, Jr. accomplished by mentioned that Mr. Stone served on 3 consecutive terms of the US Commission of Fine Arts and was appointed to those term by Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter. Mr. Smith mention that he was awarded by American Society of Landscape Architects, ASLA

medal which “the highest honorably Landscape Architect whose lifetime achievements and

contributions to the profession and had a unique domestic impact on the welfare of the public and environment.” Mr. Smith mention that Edward D. Stone, Jr. is remembered as a gentleman who personified the qualities of honesty and respect. Mr. Smith stated that Edward, D. Stone Jr. has left a legacy in the Fort Lauderdale community and led EDSA’s design on well-known local projects in Fort Lauderdale such as Broward County Library, Holiday Park, and Marriott Harbor Beach Resort and EDSA is proud to carry his legacy and have completed over 100 assignments in the City of Fort Lauderdale over 60 years and Greater Broward County 375 different commissions, studies, or projects. Mr. Smith mention that Edward D. Stone Jr. was active in the community and served on the Bonnet House board for many years and contribute his talents to help persevere historic gym and EDSA continue to carry the torch and have kept their seats on the boards such as the Bonnet House board, Stranahan House Historic Museum, and Riverwalk board.

Mr. Smith mention that they have received 30 letters of support from variety of community leaders and colleagues of Edward D. Stone, Jr. Mr. Smith stated each of the letters that were submitted had a commendation. Mr. Smith stated that EDSA does have full support of the proposal from Gina Ellis CEO of Riverwalk, Inc., and Patricia Zeiler. Mr. Smith stated that they are proposing to put monuments on the Riverwalk one at the east end which is close to the railroad tracks and the other on the west end which is closer to the escort. Mr. Smith thanked the board for their time and consideration on this proposal.

Board member Cary Villeneuve question if the monuments would have a financial impact on the city. Mr. Villeneuve asked if the proposal went before the Riverwalk board.

Mr. Smith stated that EDSA would be responsible for the monument cost and he doesn’t have the answer if the proposal went before the board.

Board member Deborah Rosenbaum question if anyone else have plans for Riverwalk in terms of its development or if it’s entirely APSC.

Mr. Smith stated that the envisioning of the Riverwalk 3 to 4 years ago, EDSA was the lead designer of the work that was implemented over time and the City of Fort Lauderdale did some of the work internally. Mr. Smith stated that they were other firms involved in the consortium.

Motion was made by Joann Smith and seconded by Deborah Rosenbaum in support to dedicate a portion of the Riverwalk Historic District to honor Mr. Edward D. Stone, Jr. with a monument. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

3. Florida Panthers Update on War Memorial

Bryce Hollweg with the Florida Panthers made a presentation to the board on the updated of War Memorial. Mr. Hollweg stated that he has taken the position for Sean McCaffrey. Mr. Hollweg stated that his background is in construction development operations, beverage operations, and hockey and excited to oversee this project. Mr. Hollweg stated over the last couple weeks they received their last permits. Mr. Hollweg mention that they are currently working on plumbing, engineering, and mechanical work onsite.

Board member Carey Villeneuve mention that there is an indication of utility relocation to start on March 15th and they are power lines across the park to get to War Memorial. Mr. Villeneuve questioned if those lines can be buried as part of the project.

Mr. Hollweg stated that they are working with FPL to bury the powerlines.

Board member Carey Villeneuve stated that the lease only goes up to the edge of the square grass field heading toward Sunrise Boulevard. Mr. Villeneuve ask if they would be buried to where their lease ends or would they be buried from the point where they enter the park.

Mr. Hollweg stated that he is not sure; however, he will look further into it.

Board member Carey Villeneuve stated if you only can buried up to your lease then there should be a conversation with AECOM or with Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation so that they are buried all the way up to the entry of the park. Mr. Villeneuve mention as AECOM moves forward with everything for the Parks Bond he believes they shouldn't move that utility pole right outside their lease area and Mr. Villeneuve recommends to not have overhead lines running across the park and would be great to do that at one time.

Board member Charlie Leikauf stated wherever the easement runs the lines are not there at the beginning or ending of their lease, but they run from north to south towards the park. Mr. Leikauf stated that its FPL utility easement and the City granted for the power light for many years.

Board member Carey Villeneuve mention that if they are going to bury then they should want them buried done to the other side where the horses are located.

Mr. Hollweg stated that he will look into the concern.

Board member Brucie Cummings mention if there would be two occupants located there.

Mr. Hollweg informed the board there will be two occupants, one of them will be the Panthers practice facility and when it's not being used for the Panthers it will be used for the community. Mr. Hollweg stated that it will keep the same concept with two sheets of ice, and one is strictly a community rink and the other one will be the Panthers and when not used it will be community shared.

Board member Deborah Rosenbaum question Mr. Hollweg if people will be using the rink in season while the Panthers are on the road.

Mr. Hollweg stated yes.

Board member Brucie Cummings stated what was the reason for two if they have Panthers have their own practice rinks elsewhere.

Mr. Hollweg stated that Panthers ice den is an age facility and the conversation of this project the development of the area bringing recreation to the city.

Board member Deborah Rosenbaum confirmed that this will be the practice facility.

Mr. Hollweg stated yes.

Board member Brucie Cummings stated this facility will be practice but what will the other one become.

Mr. Hollweg mention that the other facility in Coral Springs will be just become a recreational facility, because one of the reasons of being an older facility.

Board member Greg Martin mention that there is a huge demand for youth hockey and there are no different from tennis courts and soccer fields. Mr. Martin suggest that they handle the demand moving forward.

Board member Greg Martin asked if there were any unexpected issues.

Mr. Hollweg mention that it's been tree roots that they ran into while digging and they are working around it. Mr. Hollweg stated the plan to replant the trees has already been brief.

Mr. Hollweg mention to the board that on May 25th groundbreaking ceremony was well attended and received. Mr. Hollweg stated they redone the auditorium with artifacts that were in the original time capsule and displayed some items that will go in the new time capsule.

Board member Charlie Leikauf asked if there were further demolitions to the existing structure.

Mr. Hollweg stated it is no further demolitions only upgrades.

Board member Deborah Rosenbaum asked when the auditorium be available for use

Mr. Hollweg stated it is schedule for August or September.

Board member Carey Villeneuve questioned when they would have a schedule due to last discussion both at the Victoria Park Civic Association and this current board discussed how much the auditorium will be for different types of uses which were concerts where Panthers generating revenue, community event where someone can

lease the space to do their own community event, and community use where Club 55 or if the community wants to indoor play pickleball if it will be open for indoor community use or free play. Mr. Villeneuve asked when will he know the breakdown of how many concerts there will be where you must pay to get in, how many community events, and how much of the auditorium will be open to the public either if it's through Parks and Recreation department planned activities. Mr. Villeneuve stated previous conversations of what the structure look like was not planned out; however, it was conversation of some level of community open play available even if it's through a planned programmed through Parks and Recreation department. Mr. Villeneuve stated the City gets 11 days a year to continue to have flower shows and it was a discussion and some level of community access such as Club 55 being able to use it or people that can do play indoor pickleball. Mr. Villeneuve mention that they are days that it's not being used and inquiring to know when they can provide a schedule. Mr. Villeneuve stated that he also wants to know if there would be a league used or someone doing paid figure skating versus an open skate. Mr. Villeneuve mention that he would like to see the breakdown of what it would look like and when the schedule will be available for community open skate.

Mr. Hollweg stated that it is still the intent to have all three of the buckets that Mr. Villeneuve mention which are the live events, community events, and 11 days. Mr. Hollweg mention that at the moment it is difficult to give that timeline and breakdown, because they don't know the schedule and unable to start booking the space from a wedding to esports watch parties, its endless to what they can do; however until they start booking then they can release the days of what is left to the community.

Board member Carey Villeneuve questioned if it will be whatever days that the Panthers can't book it or will the city be able to request any number of days or hours for indoor pickleball.

Board member Greg Martin ask Deputy Director Carl Williams if there will be a programming plan to add and introduce figure skating as a part of the city recreational program or would it be a program that the Panthers will run. Mr. Martin stated aligning it with youth basketball or youth soccer will the city program.

Deputy Director Carl Williams stated they haven't had the discussion yet; however, the thought process would be that they will connect to see the opportunities for youth play.

Board member Greg Martin stated his concern will be protecting Starlight Musical and if Panthers would be hosting concerts on Friday nights while the city is hosting Starlight Musical. Mr. Martin question is there a recreational programming outside of the private use.

Deputy Director Carl Williams stated no not yet.

Board member Carey Villeneuve stated at what point the city request to get club 55 on these days or if they want to have indoor pickleball or will Panthers tell them what days it is available for use.

Deputy Director Carl Williams stated it was mention that the city has access to allow the activity in the facility once it's built out. Mr. Williams stated they are still ongoing conversations that they need to continue to have but the idea that there would be some opportunities.

Board member Deborah Rosenbaum mention that the city needs to home in the amount of time that they're going to do between ice skating and pickleball. Ms. Rosenbaum stated the community deserves a certain amount of time they can go in and use the facility, because it will have been programmed the entire year and will be very limited. Mr. Rosenbaum recommended that it should be a consistent schedule that you can follow. Mr. Rosenbaum stated once the dates are available it will rely on Parks and Recreation as to how it will be programmed for the community.

Board member Charlie Leikauf asked what was the delineation between memorial and the Panthers hardwood space. Mr. Leikauf asked if it was all one open space or are their other doors.

Bruce Hollweg mention to the board it is separate and there is a walk climbing wall.

Board member Carey Villeneuve stated that there is a wall climbing wall in the back between the ice room and War memorial.

Bruce Hollweg stated that it is still in discussion and believes that there are some liability issues.

Deputy Director Carl Williams stated that during the winter and summer there should be opportunities and he will reach out to the Panthers to do some scheduling for the youth to visit the facility and use it for camps and youth programs. Mr. Williams further stated there will be opportunities for the city to include some pickleball; however, it is still in the process because Panthers will need to complete their schedule.

Board member Brucie Cummings asked if that building is where the pickleball is located now going there.

Deputy Director Carl Williams responded that prior to the Panthers taken over there were about 6 courts inside of the auditorium.

Board member Brucie Cummings asked if that building will be removed.

Deputy Director Carl Williams stated it will not be removed and it will be only additions and refurbishing. Mr. Williams mention that he has accommodated indoor football during the summer.

Board member Carey Villeneuve stated the city has a lack of indoor recreational facilities and Mr. Villeneuve believes there are a lot of indoor recreational needs and they should figure out what they want to do and present it with a consistent schedule.

Board member Mary Peloquin mention that the outdoor has been comprised;

however, she prefers the walkways to not be concrete. Ms. Peloquin stated rubberized mulch is fine but anything except concrete.

Board member Carey Villeneuve ask for the status of the rooftop garden. Mr. Villeneuve asked if he will be able to see over the top or if it will be located below.

Bruce Hollweg mention that the restaurant will be on the backside.

Board member Carey Villeneuve stated that the advancement in construction technology that the entire roof can be a rooftop park. Mr. Villeneuve stated it would be a great outdoor restaurant and will be revenue generating.

4. Overview of the City Manager's recommended Budget

Director Phil Thornburg presented to the board a brief overview of the preliminary budget recommended by the City Manager which is all subject to change. Mr. Thornburg stated the city had about a 20 million dollars deficit from labor increases, police, and police and fire. Mr. Thornburg stated they were looking into increasing revenues or cut expenses. Mr. Thornburg stated that the cares funding from the federal government of 10 million dollars allocated to general funding capital improvement projects that were cares fund eligible. Mr. Thornburg stated that they were able to move the general funds to the operating dollars. Mr. Thornburg stated property values were higher than the initial estimates and stated that the city got another 9 to 10 million dollars in property value revenue which bought up to 20 million and was bought back to normal. Mr. Thornburg mention to the board that it is recommended the mileage rate stays the same. Mr. Thornburg stated that as far as parks and recreation they were able to get funding to use school board properties. Mr. Thornburg stated that they want to make sure the parks is safe with fencing and security and that the school board staff opens, and city staff close the park and on the weekend the city staff open and close the school board parks. Mr. Thornburg stated that the City Manager agree to give us funding to use private security company. Mr. Thornburg stated that the parks will be open from dawn to dusk on the weekends and dusk during the week. Mr. Thornburg mention to the board that the park rangers won't be able to get to all of them at the same time. Mr. Thornburg mention to the board that it has always been a challenge with public restrooms, and it has increase lately. Mr. Thornburg stated that they have been working with staff with cleaning and pay a little overtime. Mr. Thornburg stated that he requested for additional funding to bring part time employees to increase the bathroom cleaning and take on in-house. Mr. Thornburg stated that the city will pay \$15.00 per hour. Mr. Thornburg stated they are still working through a plan on this issue.

Board member Greg Martin asked what the philosophical decision was to go with a third-party security vendor versus hire more park rangers. Mr. Martin suggested would more park ranger presences be efficient instead of hiring a third-party security vendor.

Director Phil Thornburg responded that the idea with opening and closing the gates at school property is what is needed. Mr. Thornburg stated they are only there for 30 minutes to make sure no one is there and lock up. Mr. Thornburg stated they have requested for more rangers; however, it was never funded. Mr. Thornburg stated that the park rangers report to the police department. Mr. Thornburg stated last year he

made the request for more rangers and third-party and neither was funded. Mr. Thornburg stated the cost, benefits, and what the city pays versus what third-party is affordable. Mr. Thornburg stated it is 4 rangers that are working at the moment, because they work 2 shifts and its only about 25 rangers in the city.

Board member Brucie Cummings recommended that someone could stay in the restrooms. Ms. Cummings stated that it may decrease the vandalism.

Director Phil Thornburg stated that the beach restrooms in beach park it gets the most cleaning from 3 to 4 times a day. Mr. Thornburg stated that they still have challenges.

Board member Carey Villeneuve suggested that if the city puts the picture of the person that cleans the restroom with a message asking nicely to keep the restroom cleans would help bring notice to the public to keep the restrooms clean.

Board member Greg Martin stated that increase supervision would help with all of it and would like to help to continue to purse funding to hire more park rangers. Mr. Martin stated it is a difference when a park ranger is present at the park and that he pledges to support the department to get additional funding for additional park rangers.

Board member Tangerean Moore asked if there are park rangers scheduled certain time to be at each park. Ms. Moore stated if you have 4 park rangers and there are 20 parks, so they have 5 parks per ranger are they circulating through each park and go back around to the first park.

Director Phil Thornburg stated they may be a Carter park or Hardy Park and they might get a call to leave the park to attend another park. Mr. Thornburg stated that the park rangers are scattered out and can't be everywhere at the same time and make the most impact at the same time.

Board member Deborah Rosenbaum asked how many park rangers they have.

Director Phil Thornburg stated park rangers do not report to the Parks and Recreation department anymore; however, he believes its about 20 rangers. Mr. Thornburg stated when rangers were reporting to Parks and Recreation the rangers experience some challenges that needed them to obtain more training with police officers. Mr. Thornburg stated he worked with the Police department much more and a decision was made for the park rangers to be supervised by a police sergeant. Mr. Thornburg stated they are better trained to do their job now they report to the Police department. Mr. Thornburg stated that he has a good relationship with the police department.

Board member Charlie Leikauf ask if he thought about using community service aide and if he is using them to help with the parks.

Director Phil Thornburg responded that there are not many of community service aides and they try to complete traffic accidents. Mr. Thornburg stated parking enforcement also helps as well.

Board member Brucie Cummings stated the volunteers in the community could help and if there is anyway that they can help.

Director Phil Thornburg stated that he loves volunteers; however, they may or may not show up. Mr. Thornburg stated that they had neighborhoods that helped; however, it never lasted.

Board member Charlie Leikauf asked if there was a plan to help with the bathroom at Starlight Musical. Mr. Leikauf stated that the year before was an attendant that took care of both restrooms.

Director Phil Thornburg responded and stated he will investigate it. Mr. Thornburg stated if they need to get more portables they will.

Board member Caleb Gunter stated his question regarding item 2 reduction for the Los Olas Marina Privatization. Mr. Gunter stated they are reducing 3 employees and paying private vendor more or would it be a loss of revenue.

Director Phil Thornburg stated it would be a loss of revenue the way the contract ranks are the first year they are paying them. Mr. Thornburg mention that there is a Cultural Affairs Manager in the City Managers Office. Mr. Thornburg mention that they started a public art program and Parks and Recreation department push for it to happen. Mr. Thornburg stated that he believes that commissioners realize they should put more into cultural arts and that the position reports to the City Manager and will be over the public art fund and projects. Mr. Thornburg stated that the city employees does not get presidents day off. Mr. Thornburg stated that Juneteenth has been a declared as national holiday and that is also in discussion. Mr. Thornburg stated September will be 2 public hearings and commission will set the millage rate and the top millage rate can be in July and can set it more than 4.1. Mr. Thornburg mention that July is Parks and Recreation month and the first commission meeting in July will be recognized as Parks and Recreation month. Mr. Thornburg stated that they are accredited by the national organization with 188 agencies in the country and they are number 101 for 10 years. Mr. Thornburg stated they get re accredited every 5 years. Mr. Thornburg stated that being accredited shows that your policy, staff, and procedures are the way it should be. Mr. Thornburg stated that they meet through zoom and reviewers will be reviewing the information and they will give feedback. Mr. Thornburg mention they were inquiring on purchasing property at 1700 North Andrews with the parks bond funds. Mr. Thornburg stated it would not happen since they started testing the soil and it takes a lot to clean it up and property owner doesn't want to come down on the price or pay to clean up the property.

Board member Charlie Leikauf mention there were other properties they were looking at off Broward Boulevard. Mr. Leikauf stated it is located by the new radio tower.

Director Phil Thornburg stated that is located on the south side and Tom Chansey property is there. Mr. Thornburg stated they reviewed it for a park; however, depended on the park and public access. Mr. Thornburg stated that the police is looking whether they can move the tower. Mr. Thornburg stated they are looking at skate park property

in a commercial area instead of residential area. Mr. Thornburg stated they are pursuing the idea where they can put a pickleball complex.

Board member Greg Martin asked how big a skate park needs to be.

Director Phil Thornburg stated it must be a couple of lots 50x100 or 100x200.

Board member Greg Martin stated that he works by Cypress Creek close to Tri rail and suggest having the skate part at the west of the Tri rail station.

Board member stated Carey Villeneuve mention that we are wasting a lot of roof top space and have no land to spare. Mr. Villeneuve stated we can build on the roof instead of placing buildings on the grass. Mr. Villeneuve stated that they are ways to utilize the top of the parking garage.

Board member Deborah Rosenbaum stated there is a roof top bar at the end of Las Olas on Andrews. Ms. Rosenbaum stated they have grass and firepits.

Board member stated Carey Villeneuve mention that if there is a wall it will block the breeze. Mr. Villeneuve stated there are walls on the roof tops that cut off the breeze. Mr. Villeneuve stated on top of Riverwalk Center they can put up fake grass, picnic tables and people will come.

5. Board Comments

Board member Mary Peloquin stated that she was discouraged of the reaction to the one stop shop. Ms. Peloquin mention to the board if they can communicate with their commissioners about the one stop shop.

Board member Caleb Gunter stated they should get an updated on the one stop shop.

Board member Mary Peloquin stated there is a process that the city manager describes, and the process is still ongoing.

Board member Charlie Leikauf asked if there was anything going on with Lockhart Stadium.

Board member Caleb Gunter mention that the original agreement with Miami International were to develop about 3 million dollars of the green space of Lockhart Park directly adjacent to the south of the stadium. Mr. Gunter stated in the parks bond were additional 25 million for the community center, splash pad, and other improvements the city is implementing. Mr. Gunter stated that the meeting was canceled two weeks ago due to the soccer team and how they don't want to develop the park themselves and want to give the funding of 3 million dollars to the city to develop it. Mr. Gunter mention that Commissioner Moraitis concern about the timelines begin that they built the stadium in one year and they can build the park in a year or less as to if they give 3 million dollars to city it can sit for 5 or 10 years. Mr. Gunter stated that Commissioner Moraitis has an agenda item for July 6 to push the city commissioners at large to hold Miami International to the contract.

Director Phil Thornburg stated that the challenge is when they were building the stadium, they were building the park at the same time. Mr. Thornburg stated that the city was still trying to fill out what they wanted to do while they were building the stadium. Mr. Thornburg stated that he believes that they might have rights to say they can do it; however, it won't be the same price as it was before because a couple years ago, they were going to do it at the same time with the funding that they have. Mr. Thornburg stated that the attorneys are working through the agreement. Mr. Thornburg stated if they give a fair amount maybe the city can take it on and the 25 million initially for the entire property. Mr. Thornburg stated they were going to use it as a home place of park. Mr. Thornburg stated they won't spend nearly 25 million.

Board member Carey Villeneuve stated he remembered it was presented and it was approved. Mr. Villeneuve stated he thought he was looking at the final project and what wasn't approved.

Director Phil Thornburg stated that it didn't go far, and different ideas that came up. Mr. Thornburg stated that it changes frequently and hopefully it becomes final. Mr. Thornburg stated that it was a meeting to mention what was going to be finalized but the meeting was canceled. Mr. Thornburg stated that we will see if Vice Mayor will bring it up on July 6. Mr. Thornburg stated it's a lot of moving parts they are trying to sort out.

Board member Carey Villeneuve suggest we communicate with AECOMM regarding War Memorial and the Panthers stating that War memorial will be partially used by Panthers and sometimes be available for community use. Mr. Villeneuve suggested that we ask AECOMM if they can think of opportunities for community recreation and community use. Mr. Villeneuve stated we should come to Panthers with a schedule of what they want instead of waiting for them to give the city what is left.

Director Phil Thornburg stated that he believes Panthers will be great community partners. Mr. Thornburg stated he doesn't know what the agreement states but if Panthers have time and a need for it, he is sure that they will be willing to do it. Mr. Thornburg stated until they figure out their schedule, we will know what we can do.

Board member Carey Villeneuve stated that we need to identify what we want and ask AECOMM what indoor program recreational activity we should propose to the Panthers.

6. Communication to the Commission

There were no communication to the commission.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.